

THE ICE GORGE

In the Licking River Goes Out With a Crash.

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CINCINNATI, Feb. 4.—The Licking river broke loose at the Eleventh Street bridge in Covington Wednesday at 8:30 a. m.

The ice had been clogged there eight or ten feet high, and when it broke the ice swept down in miniature bergs, which were hurled nearly across to the Ohio side.

The steamer *Henry M. Stanley*, a packet boat, was torn from her moorings, and with steam on was carried out into the midstream of the Ohio.

Eight barges were torn from the shore and tossed into the Ohio. One of the barges, partly loaded with coal, was split in twain at the mouth of the Licking and sank.

There was great excitement on the Ohio side, and the hands were busy in fastening the boats to their moorings.

The steamer *Henry M. Stanley* drifted helplessly, and the tug *Charles Carrel* and *Al Martin* put from the shore to render what service they could.

The break in the ice is supposed to have been the result of the rise at Huron, Ky., Tuesday, and it is reported that another gorge higher up will break.

The big rush of ice and water from the Licking continued for several days, when the calm came, and a steady flow prevailed the rest of the day, doing no damage.

Wharves on the Ohio side, opposite the Licking, were at no time in danger, although there was much anxiety that the Public Landing when the Licking torrent started.

When seven barges, belonging to the Licking Coal Co., appeared in the Ohio the *Charles Carrel* blew the distress signal, warning the boats below, and escaped danger.

One of the barges, carrying a load of coal, was tossed into the Ohio, near the mouth of the Licking, soon after the Licking stream, the other barges, all empty, were old and frail, and had not been in use for a long time, and were not worthless to save, and were allowed to float away.

When the *Henry M. Stanley* was carried into the Ohio the *John M. Moren*, *Charles Carrel* and *Al Martin* put from the shore to render what service they could.

The *Stanley* is uninjured and will make a trip to Kentucky. The tug *Charles Carrel* can be resumed. *Henry Kiker*, mate of the *Stanley*, was in her pilot-house and Webb Morris, the watchman, was aboard when the boat was rocking in the current.

Unwashed's sawmill lost a stock of logs. The mill will be inconvenienced for a time.

KENTUCKY REPUBLICANS

Call on the President-Elect to the Interest of Mr. John Boyle for Attorney General.

CANTON, O., Feb. 4.—The Kentucky republicans who called on Maj. McKinley Wednesday, suggested the appointment of St. John Boyle, a lawyer and attorney general, to the position of attorney general. Among those who spoke in Mr. Boyle's behalf were Judge George Durrell, of the Kentucky court of appeals; James F. Buckner, Jr., and Charles L. Ballard of Louisville. No motion was made to appoint Mr. Boyle, but it is understood he has Mr. Boyle's name under consideration.

J. A. Foster of Hartford, Conn., called on Maj. McKinley Wednesday, and presented an application for the Italian embassy.

Mr. Foster is cordially endorsed by the Connecticut members of congress. There are a number of applicants for the position and no time has yet been made respecting it, but it is reported that the Italian embassy is likely to be given to a New York or Pennsylvania man.

Ex-Gov. A. B. Cornell, of New York, who was here last week in the interest of Gen. Stuart L. Woodford, called on the president-elect again Wednesday.

A. W. Monroe, of Baltimore, who is a business and political friend of James A. Gary, had an interview with president-elect Wednesday, and advanced some fresh reasons why Mr. Gary should be appointed to the cabinet, but there are as yet no indications that a Maryland man will be offered a portfolio.

Among Maj. McKinley's callers Wednesday were President Charles B. Thwing, of Albany, N. Y.; Richard Cleveland; President Scovel, of the University of Wooster; A. L. Ratter, of Chicago; T. N. McManis, Steubenville; Rev. John H. Butherford, of New Cumberland, W. Va., who was to be consular to Jerusalem and is indombed by Senator B. K. Egan.

It was stated here Wednesday night on what is considered reliable authority that J. Addison Porter, of Connecticut, was offered the private secretaryship to President-elect McKinley and accepted.

On Their Way to Washington.

DRAY, Ont., Feb. 4.—Mr. Richard Cartwright, minister of trade and commerce, and Hon. L. Davis, minister of marine and fisheries, left by the dispatch for Washington to interview the United States government and politicians generally on reciprocity, alien laws and other matters of interest between the two countries.

Artist McKinley's Interest.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Daily Chronicle this Thursday published a dispatch from Buda Pest saying that Artist McKinley, who was recently reported to have been stricken by paralysis, has become insane and has been placed in an asylum.

CONGRESSIONAL

McKean-Carrill Bill Considered in the Senate—contested Election Cases in the House.

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CONDENSED NEWS

Included From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

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John C. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury, arrived in Washington City Wednesday evening.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador to Canada, gave a dinner in honor of the prince of Wales Wednesday evening at his residence, No. 93 Eaton square, London.

In the house of commons Wednesday Mr. Ferdinand Begg, member of the St. Rollox division of Glasgow, moved the second reading of the bill to confer the parliamentary franchise upon women.

The Scott-Annerbach building, one of the largest business blocks in the heart of Salt Lake, Utah, was destroyed by fire late Tuesday night. The damage will aggregate \$300,000; insurance, \$125,000.

There appears to be absolutely no probability of the proposed bill being telegraphed from Carson, Nev., to the effect that federal authorities would be asked to stop the proposed Corbett.

Charles A. Klepper, who keeps a store and saloon at New Hope, 80 miles from New York, shot and killed Charles Dodge and Alexander Horand, two prominent citizens of this county Tuesday night at the hotel of Arthur.

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12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
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6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
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KENTUCKY MIDLAND RAILWAY

FRANKFORT, GEORGETOWN, CARLEIS.

Locals. Arrive. Depart.

Locals	Arrive	Depart
Western Va. Lim.	6:00 p.m.	6:10 a.m.
Arrive at Lexington	6:10 a.m.	6:20 a.m.
Clarksville	6:20 a.m.	6:30 a.m.
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Clarksville	6:40 a.m.	6:50 a.m.
Clarksville	6:50 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
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